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SUBJ: AFGHAN PARTICIPATION IN ISLAMIC AND NON-ALIGNED MEETINGS

REFS: A) STATE 87612 B) STATE 104050 (BOTH NOTAL)

1. MAY 21 TOOK VISITING DESK OFFICER AUSTRIAN TO CALL
ON DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH. WE ASKED HIM WHAT
HIS TRAVEL PLANS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ARE INCLUDING
WHETHER HE WOULD BE GOING TO THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN
ALGIERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE.

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2. ABDULLAH SAID THAT HE WOULD BE DEPARTING EARLY NEXT

WEEK FOR THE ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN ISTANBUL. HE WOULD RETURN TO KABUL VIA BAGHDAD. REGARDING THE ALGIERS NACC MEETING, HE SAID THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN REACHED AS TO WHETHER AFGHANISTAN WILL ATTEND. HE SAID THAT A CUBAN DELEGATION WOULD BE VISITING KABUL MAY 6 AND AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CUBANS, THE GOA WOULD DECIDE WHETHER ABDULLAH SHOULD GO TO ALGIERS OR WHETHER THE POLITICAL DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY SHOULD GO OR WHETHER THE AFGHAN POSITION SHOULD BE CONVEYED TO THE ALGIERS MEETING IN WRITTEN FORM. ABDULLAH ADDED THAT AFGHANISTAN IS A CANDIDATE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE NACC NEXT YEAR, THAT IS, AFTER THE COLOMBO SUMMIT.

3. I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE ABDULLAH OUR POSITION ON THE ISSUES OUTLINED IN STATE 104050. I HAVE DISCUSSED PUERTO RICO BOTH WITH HIM AND WITH PRESIDENT DAOUD IN THE PAST. THE AFGHANS FULLY UNDERSTAND OUR POSITION AND THE IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS ISSUE, AND ABDULLAH SAID WE COULD CONTINUE TO COUNT ON AFGHAN UNDERSTANDING. WITH RESPECT TO KOREA, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK) AMBASSADOR AND A VISITING ROK DELEGATION (KABUL 3136) HAVE ALREADY CONVEYED THE POSITION SET FORTH IN STATE 98185 SO MY DEMARCHES ARE NOT NEW TO ABDULLAH. HE REPEATED THE AFGHAN POSITION THAT AFGHANISTAN BELIEVES THAT DISPUTES SUCH AS THE KOREAN SHOULD BE SETTLED THROUGH DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN THE PARTIES INVOLVED. WITH RESPECT TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE IN ISTANBUL OR ALGIERS TO SUSPEND ISRAEL FROM THE UN, ABDULLAH DOUBTED THAT SUCH AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE. HE HOISTED IN OUR VIEWS ON THAT ISSUE AND ALSO ON THE SUBJECT OF ZIONISM AND RACISM.

4. I ASKED ABDULLAH ABOUT THE RECENT VISIT TO KABUL OF YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC (KABUL 3141). ABDULLAH INDICATED THAT THE MAIN SUBJECT OF THE DISCUSSIONS HERE WAS THE QUESTION OF CRITERIA BOTH FOR MEMBERSHIP AND FOR GUEST ATTENDANCE AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES. HE SAID THAT AFGHANISTAN, AS WELL AS INDIA AND IRAQ, FAVORED STRICTER CRITERIA THAN THE YUGOSLAVS BUT THAT
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THE YUGOSLAVS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT PERSUADED TO ACCEPT STRICTER CRITERIA AFTER HEARING THE AFGHAN POSITION.

(COMMENT: AFGHAN "STRICT CONSTRUCTIONISM

(#) WITH NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

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ALSO OF COURSE ALLIES TO ROMANIA).

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